

**COMBINATIONS OF NICOTINIC ACID AND DERIVATIVES THEREOF AND  
STEROL ABSORPTION INHIBITOR(S) AND TREATMENTS FOR VASCULAR  
INDICATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT**

The present invention provides compositions, therapeutic combinations and methods including: (a) at least one of nicotinic acid or derivatives thereof; and (b) at least one substituted azetidinone or substituted  $\beta$ -lactam sterol absorption inhibitor which can be useful for treating vascular conditions, diabetes, obesity and lowering plasma levels of sterols.

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